

March 14, 2002



William Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
TW-A325  
445 Twelfth St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex parte* presentation in: CC Docket Nos. 02-33, 01-337

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 13, 2002, Media Access Project (MAP) Associate Director Harold Feld and Priscilla Grim of the Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers (AIVF) met with Robert Cannon of the Office of Plans and Policies.

Mr. Feld stated that the Commission fails to understand the role of small ISPs in marketing and deploying broadband. Historically, it was not the ILECs that deployed narrowband Internet access, but independent ISPs that had access to the ILEC networks and therefore could offer rival services and innovate freely. Small ISPs will play a similar role in marketing broadband to their local communities, if the Commission establishes similar open access requirements.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b), 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Sincerely,

Harold Feld  
Associate Director

cc: Bob Cannon